

Bulletin Sentence: 1 John 3:2 – “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” There is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. But until then we are called to trust His grace and to grow into His image more and more.

The Vacation Bible School (VBS) Set Committee has started to assemble items that are needed for the construction of the set for the 2018 VBS presentation of “Shipwrecked” on June 24-28. The updated list below shows items that we are asking to be donated that will be used in the creation of the set.

**Many Cardboard Tubes (Paper towel, wrapping paper, others
2”-4” diameter)**

5 each Dark brown glass bottles (750ml or quart size)

Donations can be dropped off at the Church Office. Questions can be directed to Ted Datte (662-4543) or LeRoy Engelhardt (662-4650).

Church Attendance April 7 & 8 , 2018
Saturday:121 (C99) Sunday: 137 (103)

Offerings April 7 & 8 2018 **\$11,086.78** (Weekly need is \$11,420.00)

Those serving this weekend:

Organist: L. Engelhardt

Alter Guild for March: Laura Peil 989-205-5202

Sat: ELDERS: Del Marsh and Dennis Hyatt

USHERS: Bill Gehoski, Sully & Sawyer Whalen & Dennis Hyatt

Sun: ELDERS: Chris List and Mark Treiber

USHERS: Cameron Koch, Hudson Gerstacker, Sophia Steelmon
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Welcome

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

April 14 & 15, 2018

Psalm 122:1

The mission of Zion Lutheran
is to better know & show Christ’s love.

Worship Whys: Why is the large white candle lit during the Easter season? This candle is called the “Paschal candle.” It is used throughout the Easter season and then throughout the year on special occasions, such as baptisms and funerals. The flame of the Paschal candle symbolizes Christ as light of the world and his presence in the midst of his people. The tall white candle reminds us of the Divine pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night that lead the Israelites in their Exodus from slavery in Egypt. At the opening of the Easter Vigil a "new fire" is lit and blessed. As the Alpha and Omega are traced, the minister says: "Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending." The candle is also a reminder of Jesus visible presence among the disciples in the days following his resurrection. May God who enkindles the hearts of His faithful people with the fire of His love, bless us as we prepare to share in the Feast of Light which has no end.

Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher and may be helpful to our guests, making it easier to follow the service without using a hymnal.

Children’s bulletins are also available from an usher.

Zion’s Web Site: www.zionbeaver.com The website contains the most recent church newsletter, and information about activities at Zion.

Our focus today is on the eye witness testimony recorded by Luke in our gospel lesson. Jesus' tomb was empty, he appeared to the disciples, but was it real? Did he have flesh and bones? Yes, and they are witnesses of these things. Through their witness we believe.

This week at Zion

Sun	15	Worship 9AM - Cherub Choir sings Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM New Members Class 10:15 AM Jr. Confirmation Class 6-8PM
Wed	18	Ladies Bible Class 9 AM Quilting 10 AM Worship with SOAR 7 PM
Fri	20	Earth day—Church and School grounds clean up Church Rummage sale
Sat	21	Adult Bible Class 5:45 PM Worship with Communion 7 PM Church Rummage sale
Sun	22	Worship with Communion 9 AM Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM New Member Class 10:15 AM Jr. Confirmation Class 6-8 PM

Retable Flowers: Are given in loving memory of my husband Lenny on his birthday on April 12th from Luanne Vogtmann.

Memorials: In loving memory of J. LaVerne Chapman, Ardith Chapman has given a donation toward the septic field project.

Pastor's Bible Class: On Saturday nights at 5:45 in the sanctuary, the pastors are going through the small catechism. On Sunday mornings at 10:15 they are looking at the new explanation of the catechism.

Discussion Bible Class led by LeRoy Engelhardt will continue their study of *(The Lutheran Difference)*. They will meet in the conference room after Sunday service at 10:15 a.m.

In Sunday School The account of “Paul and Silas in Prison” serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as God freed Paul and Silas from prison, granting them life out of death, so Christ by His crucifixion and resurrection frees me from the prison of my sins and grants me life eternal. Questions for discussion include “*How is this event more than just a story about Paul's escape from prison?*” and “*How has God rescued us from the prison of sin?*”

School Chapel: Zion Lutheran School has chapel every Wednesday morning at 8:05 in the church. Everyone is invited to attend.

The cemetery committee asks that you remove all grave blankets as soon as possible. They are gearing up to do their spring clean up. Thanks.

The Youth Group will be selling flower vouchers before and after church during the month of April. You may also pick up your \$15.00 voucher good for one hanging basket or one flat of flowers or veggies (36-48 count) at the office during school hours. These are a great way to get your spring flowers or plants and they also make a great gift idea. Flower vouchers may be redeemed from May 1st—June 1st 2018.

The Youth Group meeting will be this Sunday, April 15 at 11:30. We will meet in the cafeteria for a devotion and lunch. Then we will be going to Valley Lanes for bowling and some fun activities together. Please bring money for bowling and arcade games.

Zion's Cemetery driveways. In 2015 the middle and west roads were black-topped. The east drive has been straightened and prepped with gravel and is ready for asphalt that will be completed in the summer of 2018. There is an anonymous donor who will match up to \$5,000 to complete this project. If you would like to participate please earmark any donations to the cemetery road project.

Mid-Michigan LWML Spring Rally/Prayer Day will be April 28th at Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant. Continental breakfast and registration starts at 8:30am. Devotion and program will start at 9:15am until noon. Prayer Day service will follow lunch. Registration and meal cost is \$5. Special speakers will be Deb Vantol, Sue Roth, and Karen Rauschenberger. Child care can only be provided if pre-registered. RSVP to JoAnn Gust 989-506-6027. Registration Deadline is April 25th. Collection will be taken of Pampers, Luvs, Huggies diapers (size 5-6), Enfamil-baby formula, baby thermometers, or cash for “Life Choices of Central Michigan.”

In Sympathy: Randy Fritz died this past Sunday and now rests from his labors. Funeral services were held here on Thursday. We pray for his family and all who mourn his loss. May they be comforted by the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

Ladies of Zion are offering a variety of greeting cards for purchase. We wanted you to have a convenient and affordable way to share your wishes of joy, concern, or sympathy with those you love. A box of 12 beautiful cards is only \$5.00. They are available in the church basement.

Wellspring Lutheran Services Child & Family Auxiliary meeting will be on Monday, May 21, 2018 here at Zion. Refreshments will be at 7 PM with the meeting starting at 7:15 PM. Our speaker will be Scott Peterson from Wellspring Services, with the topic of different Wellspring offices, employees and their specific responsibilities.

Zion Church and School will be participating in the annual 11 Mile Rummage sale on Friday and Saturday 4/20-21. Older items from the church basement and some items from the school will be for sale. Members will have first choice on items so come early. We could use your help getting ready both days. Please call Deb Shufelt for more info. 989-662-2496.